IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF Art Unit: 1637

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APPLICATION NO: 10/528,915

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FOR: PCR BASED DIAGNOSTIC METHOD OF DETECTING A

MUTATION IN THE B-RAF GENE

MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Official Action mailed February 27, 2007, to which a shortened statutory response was due March 27, 2007. A petition for a five-month extension of time is included with this reply, thus extending the time to respond to August 27, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.